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IN GIVEN A GO ! NEWS OF THE WATER

New Crimps Here.

Off-Shore Sailors Coast.

THERE are two new crimps coming to the fore who are awaiting an opportunity to take charge of things on the waterfront. They are known as "Red" and "George." They shipped the crew on the big American ship Henry Villard and feel offended that the members of said crew got drunk the day they went aboard. These new crimps are very sensitive men and feel hurt to think that their character and general reputation should be reflected upon by the drunkeness of one the Encore, and we had had a forward of the first crews they have ever shipped in Honolulu.

"Red" and "George" have evidently not traveled much outside of Oakland, California; when they found it advisable to leave the States for the benefit of their health they, as have many others, came here in the steerage of a was a jay town, and that they could do police have their eyes on the new mark they are likely to find themselves in hot water.

intimidating sailors which while it is started ahead at full speed." the biggest kind of a "bluff," often works with the lower class of seamen, especially when they have been drugged with vile whisky, and still viler waterfront gin. This class of crimps, for there are several kinds of crimps, even in a town the size of Honolulu, aseven in a town the size of Honolulu, as- steamer Hanalel, which was lying at sure their susceptible victims that they the Inter-Island wharf. I was at the have a "pull" with the police and that wheel at the time that the Fearless unless the men will ship when and how the crimps want them to, they are likethe crimps want them to, they are like-ly to be jailed for vagrancy. Nothing ble I left the wheel and ran forward could be more false. Far from having as fast as I could to see what was any influence with the police the crimps about to occur. are closely watched, and the hand of waterfront as anywhere else.

Yesterday "Red" and "George" whose full names are known, went to the captain of a certain vessel in this port and told him that they would not "allow" anything to be said by the press against their methods or against the men they shipped. They strenously objected to the publication of the fact that the members of the crew of the vessel left the harbor on Saturday, and further stated that the representatives of the Honolulu newspapers on the the ship as having a jag on. waterfront would be dealt with in such a manner that they would cease to exploit the doings of the shipping having a jag on, and I do not see the masters. Of course the marine reporters of the various newspapers were scared out of their wits and begged to be taken off the waterfront and as-signed to the reporting of afternoon Villard created the disturbance in the teas and church socials up town. In the meantime two new crimps

have been discovered, and a very pecu-

Briefly, the condition of affairs is as and wharf.

Some time ago certain famous shipping masters from the coast came to took charge of the waterfront, and instituted a reign of terror. Their career Anybody could see that Brokaw had was cut short, however, by the public- too long a line on the vessel. ity given in the Advertiser, and they and announced that they would have business. It has developed, however, reef near the lighthouse, that there are two other men in the ring, or in the business, for it is still uncertain whether there is a ring, who Captain Brokaw, of the Fearless, are doing all the heavy part of the states that the fault of the accident shipping business, while the original rests entirely with the people aboard masters of the waterfront are also in the ship, and that the fact of the crew the business again, although their part in affairs is not an active one.

There is not enough in the business of shipping sailors in Honolulu for the number of men who are at present engaged in the occupation. That is, there is not enough, supposing that there is any competition. If all are pulling together it can be made to pay.

No objection is made by the authorities to a legitimate shipping of sailors, ON CALL ALL NIGHT. but, when a couple of men start in to create a reign of terror on the waterfront, as once existed here, the ones who are green enough to take Hono-NOTE-Drivers are not allowed to lulu for a jay town are apt to be dis-

"Red" and "George" will not be disturbed as long as they keep within the In case of dispute as to fare, pay limits of the law, but as soon as they are found to be doing crooked work the authorities will land on them like a ton of bricks.

Captain Quick's Story.

that all of the members of the crew were drunk at the time the tug Fearless took hold of that vessel on Saturday evening to take her out of the harbor. He asserted, in an interview aboard waiting to ship crews. It was with an Advertiser reporter last even- impossible to get sailors at either ing, that three of the men were sober, Villard was moving out.

near at hand to see that all went well, and he was alongside of the man at the wheel most of the time.

reason of the trouble with the Villard was that the tug Fearless had too long a tow line on the vessel. Said Captain Ouick last night.

Coasting sailors would have been regarded in much the same light by boarding house men as small children look upon a Christmas tree. In fact,

matters in the right way. He had a must have been something of a sur-P. McGrath, line on the Villard which was alto- prise party to them. gether too long. The line was too long on the Sound the boarding houses for the tug to have any control over much difficulty is experienced. An ex-



VESSELS AT NAVY WHARF NO 2—BIG BONANZA UNLOADING COAL

(Photo by Arthur L. Merry.)

We had a stern line out attached to line attached to the buoy, the buoy ship. and the railway wharf.

"The Fearless took hold of us and ed for a few days. started to take us along out of the harbar at one fell swoop. The line attached was one hundred fathoms long, schooners have arrived, but this talk but that seemed to make no difference arises from a lack of information, for steamship with the idea that Honolulu to the tug. She started to yank us out the crews on these vessels will not of our position in naval row, and take sign for a foreign voyage. about as they pleased. It may be of us out of the harbor, evidently without interest to note, in passing, that the any allowance for the room that we would need in which to turn. A vescrimps, and that if they fail to toe the sel of the size of the Villard cannot turn in her own length. The captain men, and no serious results are feared. of the Fearless did not seem to think There is a certain class of men on of this. He ordered the stern line of the waterfront who have a method of the vessel to be let go, and then he

> "Although we had the helm hard down, it was of no use. As I said before, we could not turn in our own length, and the result of the vigorous pulling of the Fearless was that we headed directly for the Inter-Island took hold of the Villard. When I saw that a collision between the Villard

"As you stated in your article in the the law is as likely to fall upon the paper the other day, we did not exactly man who is guilty of foul play on the collide with the islander, but we ran our libboom into an arm of a derrick of the steamer and carried away our jibboom. You say in your article that it was only owing to the quickness of Captain Brokaw of the Fearless that a very serious accident was avoided. I do not think that it is right that Captain Brokaw should get so much credit when it was really through him that the accident occurred.

"What if most of the members of the crew were drunk at the time. All Henry Villard were drunk when that the men necessary to perform the work were sober. There were three sober men on hand to obey orders, and I think that it is a shame to speak of "I never heard of an expression like

that before. I never heard of a ship being in that condition .. "To be sure, the majority of the men

were drunk, and were of no account, harbor that she did. "No one was to blame except the

captain of the tug Fearless. The Villard was taken out of Naval row with liar state of affairs on the waterfront a jerk which sent her spinning towards the steamer Hanalei at the Inter-Isl-"No allowance was made for her

turning and getting out of the harbor in the ordinary way. As I said before, Honolula and, after a while, practically far as things aboard the ship itself were concerned, we were not to blame. "After we smashed into the Hanalei

went to the coast to enjoy a holiday. Recently they returned to Honolulu, clear of the steamer, made such an effort that the momentum was so great nothing more to do with the shipping that the vessel went almost on the

"It was by the greatest good fortune that we managed to clear the reef and being drunk had everything to do with the Villard running into the steamer

Off-Shore Sailors Scarce.

Hanalei.

Off-shore sailors are scarce in all the ports of the Pacific. At San Francisco and Portland vessels have been lying in the stream for several days, vainly endeavoring to induce seamen to sign for voyages to foreign ports. On the Sound the shortage has only been met by a close agreement between boarding masters, while in the Royal Roads the British steamer Senator has been seeking sailors without any ma-terial result. At other British Colum-pia points the same shortage is re-

There is no difficulty experienced in securing sailors for coasting vessels, but these men, as a rule, refuse to go off-shore. They have homes on the coast, or are attracted by the better wages paid on coasting vessels and refuse to be signed for a foreign voyage. Efforts have been made to induce Captain Quick of the American ship coast sailors to go off-shore, but at-Henry Villard objects to the statement most without exception they have fail-

The shortage is felt keenest at Portland and San Francisco. Recently there were four vessels lying in the stream at Portland with cargoes Portland or Astoria, and efforts to seand that these three took charge of the wheel during the time when the masters fear to go to the Sound after While Captain Quick was at no time the past, when they have always had in charge of the wheel himself, he was

At San Francisco there were five ships endeavoring to find crews at the first of last week, and there was little he wheel most of the time.

Captain Quick states that the main A carnival of drunkenness among Quick last night.

"Everything would have been all right if the captain of the tug had handled first time in years, and their departure

change of sailors can be worked by

"We were lying in the stream at the sending men who wish to ship for the time that the Fearless took hold of us. continent to a port where vessels with such destination are loading, and sending Australian or other off-shore sailors to points where they can get a ship. The German ship Nerelde is which lies between the Oceanic wharf lying in the stream at Tacoma waiting for a crew, but she has only been load-

There has been some talk in Portland owing to the fact that a number of

The British Columbia trouble will not end before the difficulty on the Sound, and is even more serious at present. However, the summer is not a time when there is much demand for sea-Shipping men give various reasons as the cause of the shortage. The fact that the Alaska season will open soon and the prospect of spending a season ashore in gold diggings is alluring has some effect. During good weather, too, many sailors like to go inland and spend a season in the harvest fields or working at some trade on shore. With the approach of winter they turn back to the sea. An improvement in conditions in the seaports gives the sailors abundant opportunities for finding some other employment in case they desire it, and it is probable no immediate improvement in the situa-

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